

ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE
Hosted by Ards and North Down Borough Council
NOTES OF BRIEFING
Thursday 25 October 2018

Members Present:

Alderman A Carson
Alderman R Gibson (*Deputy Chair*)
Councillor B Adger
Councillor D O'Loan (*Chair*)
Councillor R Wilson
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor D Curran

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Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
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Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
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Members' Apologies:

Councillor N Kelly
Councillor M Magill
Councillor S Ross
Councillor A Cathcart
Councillor G Milne
Councillor M Collins
Councillor J Bunting
Councillor O Gawith
Alderman J Tinsley
Councillor L Poots
Councillor G Craig

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Belfast City Council
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Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
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Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Officers Present:

R Burnett
G Craig (*Secretary*)
H Campbell
K Boal
J Green
C Robinson
M Laverty
D Lindsay
T Walker
H Moore
W Muldrew
S Holgate
R Moore

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Officers' Apologies:

G Girvan
N Grimshaw
P Thompson

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The Chair welcomed William Curry from Arthur Cox Solicitors to the meeting who was in attendance for the discussion on agenda item 8.

Due to the meeting not being quorate, no business could be conducted. This included the AGM. For the purposes of information, the Officers continued with a briefing as per the Agenda and answer any questions that Members may have. Members were advised the MRF Contract Extension and the proposed DEFRA consultation response, would be addressed under the urgent provisions of the Scheme of Delegation.

Action: Agreed

Item 2 - Conflicts of Interest Statement

The Chair read out the Conflicts of Interest Statement. There were no conflicts noted.

Action: Noted

Item 2 - Apologies

Apologies were noted.

Action: Noted

The Chair advised Members that the briefing would now go In Committee, which was proposed and seconded accordingly.

In Committee

Matters of a confidential and commercially sensitive nature were discussed under these agenda items.

Following discussion on the commercially sensitive matters, the Chair advised Members that the briefing would now return to the main agenda but whilst 'in committee' there were three matters discussed as follows:

Item 8 - Organic Waste Treatment Contract

Action: Noted

Item 9 - Residual Waste Treatment Project

Action: Noted

AOB - MRF Contract Extension

Action: Approved

Out of Committee

The Chair advised Members that the briefing would now return to the main agenda, which was agreed.

Item 10 - Contracts and Performance Update

Ms Boal and Ms Robinson presented a report to advise the Members on the prevailing monthly situation pertinent to the operational performance of the service and supply contracts.

A summary of the key discussions is replicated as follows:

- *Organic waste tonnages delivered in September 2018 were similar to those delivered in September 2017.*
- *NWP are currently reviewing their procedures to ensure compliance with the new PAS 100 Standard once the transition period ends.*
- *Concerns raised by Bryson Recycling over recent incidences of ignition due to flammable materials being delivered into the site.*
- *High winds from Storm Ali caused minor disruption at Mullaghglass Landfill Site.*

Following discussion the Members noted the report.

Action: Noted

Item 11 - Resource and Waste Strategy

Mr Burnett presented a report to advise the Members on the current position in respect of the impending Resource and Waste Strategy to be issued by DEFRA.

He reported that the publication of DEFRA's Resource and Waste Strategy is expected next month and will be closely followed by three separate consultations on particular topics. Only one of these consultations will apply to Northern Ireland and that relates to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). It should be recognised that an EPR system is highly likely to be introduced in the future and it will affect Councils.

Mr Burnett advised Members that he would keep them apprised on developments as this progresses.

Following discussion the Members noted the report.

Action: Noted

Item 12 - Consultation on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Compliance Fee Methodology - Evaluation of Proposals

Mr Burnett presented a report to advise the Members on the consultation paper issued by DEFRA.

He reported that the purpose of the DEFRA consultation was to seek views on:

- Whether the Secretary of State should approve a compliance fee for 2018; and
- How well the proposals meet the published evaluation criteria.

Following a technical consultation with a number of parties Mr Burnett presented a proposed arc21 draft response. However, it was agreed that, as the deadline was 18 November, the relevant provisions of the Scheme of Delegation would be applied to address the situation.

Action: Agreed

Item 13 - Schedule of Meetings 2019

Mr Craig presented a report with the proposed schedule of meetings to be held from January to December 2019. He informed the meeting that due to the forthcoming elections in May 2019 that the meetings around this time may be rescheduled but that he would keep the Joint Committee updated on any potential changes accordingly.

Following discussion the Members noted the report.

Action: Noted

Item 14 - AOB

Mr Burnett raised the issue of having a quorum present at Joint Committee meetings in order to carry out the various matters of business and consider and endorse any recommendations presented. He agreed to write to all Members to reiterate the importance of attendance or forwarding apologies in advance.

Action: Mr Burnett

Item 15 - Next Meeting

The Chair advised that the next scheduled meeting of the Joint Committee was due to be held on Tuesday 4 December 2018 at 10.30am and hosted by Belfast City Council in Malone House, Shaw's Bridge, Belfast.

Action: Noted

D. O'Leary
04 Dec. 2018